



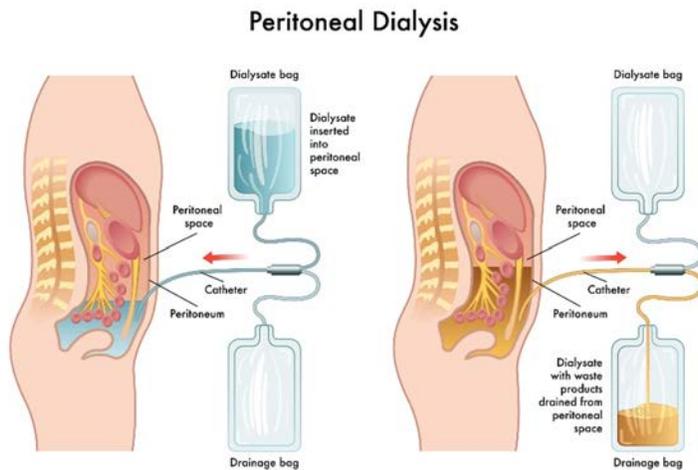
Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) as a Permanent Access Option

Do you know what PD is?

Has your care team discussed PD with you?

Do you understand *all* of your dialysis treatment options?

All dialysis patients need some form of access to clean the body of toxins. It is important that you talk to your healthcare team about your dialysis options and find out what treatment type is best for you. For many patients, PD is a smart, convenient, and lifestyle-friendly modality.



PD is type of dialysis treatment, done at home without bloodlines or needles. A PD catheter, used as a permanent access instead of a hemodialysis access, is typically instilled in your belly or abdominal peritoneum. The PD catheter, used with a machine called a PD cycler, injects fluids (solution) into your abdomen. Then, the fluids along with your body's toxins are removed from your body through the same PD catheter.

With a PD catheter there are no:

- Needles or bloodlines
- Heart/neck catheters (tubes in the heart that exit out the neck)

With a Peritoneal Dialysis there is:

- **More freedom.**
Do dialysis on your own schedule.
- **More privacy.**
Do dialysis in the privacy of your own home.
- **More normal diet and fluids.**
More frequent dialysis allows for more normal diet and fluid intake.

